## Greater Wythe Area Planning Team Meeting SUMMARY OF MINUTES July 17, 2001

The Greater Wythe Area Planning Team Meeting has been cancelled for Tuesday, July 31, 2001. We will resume our regular meeting schedule in August.

**STAKEHOLDERS PRESENT:** Red Barnes, Bonnie Barnes, Judy Carey, David Duxbury, Melissa Logan, Fred Mallory, Andre' McCloud, Marjorie Melvin, Lee Moore, Steve Shapiro, Deanna Sheppard, Annemarie Stewart, Gwendolyn Taylor, Clyde Williams, & Nancy Williams

ALTERNATES PRESENT: Bernice Lewis, Hazel Nazareth, & Sallie Williams

STAFF PRESENT: Sydney Mason, Terry O'Neill, & Bob Trahan

**RESOURCE TEAM PRESENT:** Lt. Edward Lattimore & Capt. Ron Davis

GUESTS: Edith Cousins & Wesley Johnson

## I. OLDE WYTHE UPDATE

Red Barnes reviewed the Olde Wythe Neighborhood Association (OWNA) Statement of Purpose and their Neighborhood Planning Process with the team. Olde Wythe would like to proceed with a neighborhood planning process modeled after the Greater Wythe Area Planning Team. The traffic testing has produced data that would be important to the entire Wythe area. (The OWNA Statement of Purpose & their Neighborhood Planning Process are attached).

## **II. QUESTIONS & COMMENTS**

- □ Isn't Olde Wythe a part of the Greater Wythe Area Planning Team (GWAPT)? Yes, however, this item is of unique interest to them, therefore they took it forward (this wasn't on the Greater Wythe issue list).
- □ Why didn't this group come to the Public Safety Task Force? We may use PSTF—we don't know yet.
- □ Giving attention to one area is divisive.
- □ Does one taxpayer have the right to tell another taxpayer that they can't use a street? Greatest good for the greatest number of people.
- □ Is street closing the real issue? An attempt at addressing the quality of life issue
- □ See this as similar to Pembroke—give to PSTF

- □ This additional planning effort has not been a part of GWAPT. This issue (Olde Wythe) was not part of GWAPT. Had it been brought here sooner & GWAPT was involved it would have been embraced.
- □ Not fighting a strategy to improve this community, just how it has happened.
- □ Olde Wythe was a part of GWAPT but now seems to be on their own.
- □ Street closings impact more than just immediate residences (did not happen in a vacuum—there were at least 3 public meetings)
- □ Is this breaking down Greater Wythe into smaller neighborhoods (sort of like federal—state—city)?
- □ This group can fix this.
- □ How quick can we make this work? Will take longer the first time, but will go quicker as we learn.
- □ **Lighting is a problem**—lights prevent crime—need crime stats
- □ **September**—PSTF as part of community meeting. David Duxbury will convene PSTF.

## III. WHAT CAN WE GO FORWARD WITH?

There are concerns that those items that the team planned to send to Council may not have been clearly communicated to the public at the last Checkpoint Meeting. It was recommended that there be a cover sheet with the packet stating exactly what the team is proposing to send to Council. These would be mailed to all Checkpoint attendees, neighborhood associations in District 9 and posted on our website.